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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID

PUBLIC MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 9:00 AM

National Press Club Ballroom

529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045

The closest Metro stop is Metro Center. Parking is available at garages in the area.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *(topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda)*

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Acting Administrator and Acting Director of United States Foreign Assistance, has been invited to address the ACVFA on Transformational Diplomacy and the Foreign Assistance reforms.

HELP Commission: Gayle Smith and William Lane, two members of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe (HELP) Commission, a bi-partisan Commission tasked by Congress to review U.S. foreign assistance programs and make actionable recommendations on reform to the President, Secretary of State and Congress, have been invited to address the ACVFA on the Commission's forthcoming recommendations.

Mission Directors: USAID Mission Directors from Latin America, Africa, and Asia have been invited to speak about the implementation of foreign assistance reforms as seen on the ground.

ACVFA Working Groups: The ACVFA has created working groups corresponding to two objectives of the U.S. foreign assistance framework: humanitarian assistance and investing in people. The groups will present draft papers with recommendations and lessons learned. Following this, respondents from the foreign assistance community will provide feedback. In addition, the general public will be given the opportunity to provide comments and pose questions. Recommendations pertaining to economic growth, governing justly and democratically, and implementation mechanisms have been finalized and will be discussed at the public meeting as well. They are now available for review: http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Pre-register, find more details about the agenda, and join the ACVFA list serve at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa. Participants will be able to register on site; however, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. For more information, please contact Jocelyn Rowe at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002 or Hannah Kim at hkim@thehillgroup.com or 301-897-2789 ext. 124.

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.